

THE PACIFIC

CHARLES NORDHOFF'S book, "The Communist Societies of the United States," has been translated into Russian.

THE LAUNDRY.—We beg to refer to Mr. Poole's nice list enclosed in to day's paper. We believe it is going to make the Laundry a success. Colors, whose trials and difficulties about tints and thread and needle in connection with clothes from the wash are so proverbial, will hail the advent of the laundry man with profound satisfaction.

PROFANE SWEARING.—*European Mail* states that Rev. Rees Brichard, vicar of Llandysydow, amarganshire. Wales, was fined by the bench the Bridged Petty Sessions 30s. for six oaths, which this churchman, a disgrace to his cloth,

ore in an altercation in a Railway carriage, at rate of 5s. a curse according to an old statute. Perhaps it would be advisable to enact some similar statute here—say a dollar a curse. But, may the legislators might be the first to have to lay down on the nail! Seriously, a rigid law against blasphemy is required in all well-regulated governments.

relating to the nervous system. The ladies of the *charquet* were quite frightened at the "*beaux garçons*," whom they expected to see in "*ces Mesures les Cosaques!*" A Bucharest correspondent says: "The Cossacks looked positively lions."

DARIEN ISTHMIAN CANAL.—In the "old familiar" sheet of the *Panama Star and Herald*, we notice an announcement of the departure from the Isthmus, on their return to France, of our old friend Lieutenant Commander Lucien Napoleon Bonaparte de, Chief of the Exploring Commission together with the other members of the Commission. The *Star and Herald* wishes them "God's speed" in their efforts to open the interoceanic canal. We have no

but that the rising generation of Hawaii neglected to see whole fleets of steamers calling in at Molokai, en route between Europe and Asia, via the Isthmus of Suez and the Suez Canal. We have frequently remarked that the geographical position of these islands is highly promising. Captain Bixio, second-in-command, died a martyr to the cause, on the 20th of June.

By this last mail we are in receipt of files of *St. Thomas Times*, W. I. Courteously forwarded us by our old friend William Murta Esq., proprietor and Editor of that journal, to whom we return a friendly greeting, as well as to his staff, and long sympathies! We notice in one issue the following: 'The *Lahui Hawai'i* published an

torial under the above heading ("Cultivate Land") from which the *Commercial Advertiser* relates as follows: "Our translation is then rendered. Thus, our native Hawaiian journalists perceive the importance of their writings. The subject in question is of the greatest moment every where.

"We acknowledge, with much respect, the *Commercial Advertiser*, published in Honolulu, Hawaiian Archipelago, feel happy to learn from it that our old friend, Edward MacDonnell, has been engaged in the torial department of that journal. Elsewhere we find an article on this point, published in the *Advertiser*, giving the first impression of a danger on landing on the shores of Hawaii nei."

St. Thomas Times, April 25.

Proposed Interchange of Seed Canes, &c.

We have been permitted to copy the following letter received at the Foreign Office from the Vice-President of the Queensland Acclimatization Society, which speaks for itself. "There can be no doubt that what we may, by the method proposed, secure are valuable additions to our stock of plants. We are authorized to say that the government will receive and forward to Queensland any seed cane which parties may desire to exchange in the manner suggested."

BRISBANE, May 22d, 1877.

HON. HENRY A. P. CANTON,
Member of the Privy Council of State, Honolulu,
Hawaii.

— Wm. Angus Mackay, the special Commissioner from Queensland at Honolulu, has been selected to visit the Hawaiian Islands.

me, that you were good enough to prunsel you
me all in offering an interchange of sugar cane be-
cause of the fact that the sugar cane industry of
of this kind are especially the province of this Society,
was suggested to the Council that we should place ourselves
in accordance with our belief in the Council of this
to, in view of your action in promoting the sale of
the *Lafayette*, which we have been told is
as likely to suit the climate of our local soil. For the
the sugar cane industry of this country would be the
any other packing than that of our coast line. For the
as the Pacific Mail Company are liberal enough to carry
the sugar cane industry of this country would be the
reason of freight could be also obtained from the
Sydney.

For any such commitment I am authorized to
to send specimens of any cases which are grown
which may be desired, or other seeds and plants which
the sugar cane industry of this country would be the
in Queensland.

However the operations of this Society extend generally
the sugar cane industry of this country would be the
if you can induce any resident or organization in the

use of useful plants and areas of all kinds of such exchanges which were of great value to me with a redoubtable amateur who had, I understood, got the King's gardens. The paragraph should be addressed "The Gunstanton Horticultural Society, Gunstanton, near the village of F. Phillips, Epsom, Surrey to the A. B. N. Co., Sydney."

What I am sure we require no further apology for this location that is suggested by the fact that we are not to be a trading body, but that an association of gentlemen desiring purely voluntary and honorary service to the Philadelphia Society of Improving the Condition of the Colony by the production and spread of new, rare or in some sense valuable plants; and incidentally benefiting other countries by the exchange of which we are sure to be of no indigenous plants.

I am, dear Sir,
Very obediently yours,
LEWIS A. HARRINGTON
Vice President.

From Hilo.

On an occasional correspondent at the beautiful

City—whose contributions are always welcome—writes thus under date of the 17th inst.: All things are quiet in Hills. The weather is mild. Peaches and pears are ripe. [By the way, I presume the writer means 'alligator', a fruit which grows to perfection and in abundance at Hills.] Sugar is 'on the brain' and all tongues. The 'gator' being broken up in the morning after the 'Golden Fleece'. The sufferers by the recent sea wave have been fed and clothed, and they are fast rebuilding their ruined houses.

Madam Felt has had a quiet siesta, and she is now strolling in the park, gazing up admiringly her Plutonio pipe. Parline is now visiting her sulphureted domain. Mrs. Howe, Mr. Mrs. Armstrong, and Miss Ladlow, are now en excursion to explore her fiery caverns."

The Roads.

Mr. Eboron: Is it not pretty near time we had road about the condition of our roads? I waited in expectancy, but nothing has yet arisen on the subject in that palladium, the Assembly, although there has been talk enough about private circles. A sort of Macadamizing had been attempted on King street, in two portions; that eastward from the square is a success; but I think better of the space between Fort Nuuanu, for coral, sand and earth is the pound for a durable road. But beyond the limits mentioned, our roads are full of holes and ruts, and for both man and beast are simply

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EDITOR: I send you an article from a late news item which may interest some of your readers, at least of the residents of Honolulu, who are interested in the study of natural history, and will rejoice to be free from this new insect plague.

THE COCKROACH MAN.

NEW INSECT PLAGUE.—*The Popular Science Monthly* asserts that the Florida cockroach is new to science. It says that it is a species of cockroach that in certain parts of Florida living alone almost impossible from the presence, in other parts, of a cockroach not known North. The thing is that, while the pest has been known in Florida, the fact has escaped the notice of scientific men. Mrs. T. has lately sent me to Col. S. H. Boulder, the entomologist.

was surprised to see them, and pronounce the *Periplaneta Australia* of Fabricius.¹²